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## Final EIS Released for Proposed BEP Plant to Be Built on BARC

by Deanna Dawson

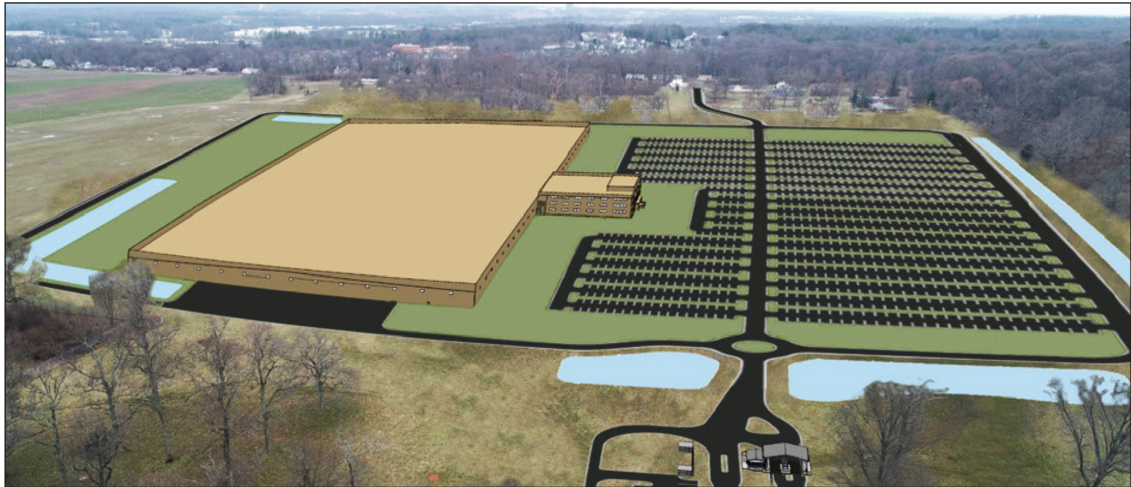


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Schematic of Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility proposed to be built on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, showing the building on the left and parking lot on the right

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) was released on June 4. The EIS, prepared by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers–Baltimore

District in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), analyzes the potential environmental, cultural and socioeconomic impacts of the proposed project, and identifies mitigation measures.

The Final EIS corrects some errors and deficiencies identified in the Draft EIS (DEIS),

and addresses or incorporates other comments submitted by the public in writing or stated in a virtual public meeting held on December 2, 2020. The public comments, many submitted by Greenbelt residents and by Community Planner Holly Simmons on behalf of the City of Greenbelt, were parsed into 506 distinct comments and grouped by the topic areas discussed in the EIS. The comments are presented, along with the response to each comment, and whether or not a change was made in the EIS in a table in Section 9.0.

Both a 316-page pdf version of the EIS, along with associated resource specific technical memoranda and other documents, can be accessed at [nab.usace.army.mil/Home/BEP-Replacement-Project](http://nab.usace.army.mil/Home/BEP-Replacement-Project). A Spanish-language version of the EIS executive summary is also posted there. Printed copies of the EIS and supporting documents are available until July 6 at the Puente Library at Capitol Technology University, located at 11301 Springfield Road in Laurel. The library is open to the public, with no appointment necessary.

Hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturdays and

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### What Goes On

Monday, June 14

3 p.m. Greenbelt Business Recovery and Resiliency Webinar

8 p.m. City Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Local Economy Recovery

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

## Bike-Sharing to Bring Five Stations to Greenbelt Soon

by Julie Rapp

The Prince George's County Capital Bikeshare program is planning to build five new bike stations in Greenbelt. This project was funded by a grant received by Prince George's County. Molly Porter, a community planner with the city Department of Planning and Community Development, reported that the new stations will be at Crescent Road near the Municipal Building and Community Center, the corner of Ridge Road and Crescent Road near the police station, Greenbelt Station Parkway, Greenbelt Metro

Station and Hanover Parkway near Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Porter and other city staff members are assisting with the coordination between the city and county on the bikeshare locations and the building process, as well as on information sharing with the public. According to Porter, "Work has started on the Crescent Road, Ridge Road and Greenbelt Station Parkway [stations]. At this time, we do not have a confirmed schedule for

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PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

Matai and Mandy Hypolite get ready to paint at the Paint Out Picnic on Sunday, June 6 at Buddy Attick Park.

## Co-op to Provide Food, Drink For the New Deal Café, Soon

by Dan Gillotte and Mark Cheater

The New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy are delighted to announce a new stage of cooperation in historic Roosevelt Center. The two cooperatives have an agreement in principle (pending final approval by their boards) that will have the supermarket running the Café's food and beverage operation, with the Café's staff and volunteers continuing to provide the venue's award-winning music and arts programming. This historic collaboration will be a great win for community and cooperation in Greenbelt.

The agreement is the culmination of the Café's six-month-long search for a new kitchen operator, which involved the review of more than 70 résumés and a dozen proposals from a variety of area restaurateurs.

"The Greenbelt Co-op made a compelling proposal to us that checked all our boxes: providing quality food for a variety of diets, expanded service hours, affordable prices and the desire to maintain the friendly, laid-

back 'community living room' atmosphere that's been a hallmark of the Café for 26 years," said Michael Hartman, the Café board's president. "We're thrilled to collaborate with our fellow cooperative, and believe this arrangement will be perfect for our members, customers and the community at large."

The Café's interior has been getting an extensive facelift – refinished floors, replaced ceiling tiles and lighting fixtures, a new paint job – while it has been closed during the past several months. The refresh is nearly complete, and the two cooperatives hope to have the Café up and running again soon.

When it is, the Café will be open seven days a week, from morning to night, serving delicious food and beverages, including coffee drinks (espresso anyone?), smoothies, bagels, sandwiches and dinner entrees and classic bar food to go along with a great selection of beer and

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## A Walk with Greenbelt Biota

by Kyla Hanington

When Jamie Jorgensen invited me to join Greenbelt Biota on a walk into the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to see some "sexy heifers" my response was understandably immediate: "sign me up." Unfortunately, that outing happened at a time I had other plans, but Greenbelt Biota were quick to accommodate me. We met for a walk in the Greenbelt Homes Inc. woodlands and the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Sunday evening. Not to skip to the last chapter of the book, but I'll tell you right now that while the forest is nice and everything, there is not a single sexy heifer to be found therein.

Greenbelt Biota members Jorgensen, Catherine Plaisant, and Maria Hult met Dan Hamlin and me in the green space near the intersection of Laurel Hill and Ridge Road, from where we entered the woodlands on the GHI Yoga Trail, a trail I had hitherto

not known existed. The adventure began before we even got into the woods, as we stopped to eat some serviceberries and learned they are a member of the rose family. I had never eaten

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PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN

Catherine Plaisant reaches for a flowering mountain laurel.



# Letters to the Editor

## Best Cicada Watching

The best cicada experience I've found can be had at the walkway between the Youth Center and the tennis courts. Don't forget to look up in the trees at their synchronized antics: ALL SCREAM [fly to another branch] ALL SCREAM [fly to another branch] ... they're speed dating! Where's the best spot you've found?

Alan Duda

## Maglev: Another Angle

I have been contemplating the proposed maglev system designed 150' high towers, which seems to serve only as unnecessarily colossal and grandiose structures. They are probably just there in the design as a concession bargaining chip.

I have worked in construction for the past 50 years. I have built custom houses and restaurants and other residential and commercial structures.

I see the maglev design as poorly thought out and flawed in so many ways. This excessive height feature stands out as one of its most absurd.

For quite a while I thought this was just a typo, that they meant 15 feet, which would run

it into every overpass crossing the BW parkway. Either way it is a bad plan that should be presented in a more realistic fashion to even be considered as a serious proposal.

Frank Gervasi

## Forcing a Choice

I enjoy going to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center but on Sunday they are only offering times when people are in church. It sounds so silly that they now close the facility on Sunday at 1 p.m. while the Farmers Market is open until 2 p.m.

Greenbelt citizens and pool passholders face a question now every Sunday: swimming or church?

People like to be able to cool off after their church services and they should not be forced to make a choice between swimming and attending worship services.

I pray that GAFC will understand this problem and find a way to extend the hours on Sunday so people do not have to make the choice of going swimming or attending worship services.

Russell Dick

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## Free Student Vaccination Clinics Through June 15

Through Tuesday, June 15, Prince George's County Public Schools students ages 12 and over may receive a free Covid-19 vaccine at select high schools. Families may also receive the vaccine. Hosted by the Prince George's County Health Department, all clinics will run from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The closest location to Greenbelt is Bladensburg High School on Friday, June 11.

Vaccination clinic dates and locations:

Thursday, June 10, Crossland High School, 6901 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs, and Gwynn Park High School, 13800 Brandywine Rd, Brandywine

Friday, June 11, Frederick Douglass High School, 8000 Croom Road, Upper Marlboro, and Bladensburg High School, 4200 57th Ave., Bladensburg

Monday, June 14, Potomac High School, 5211 Boyde Ave., Oxon Hill

Tuesday, June 15, Friendly High School, 10000 Allentown Rd., Fort Washington

Media access will be permitted at the clinic at Crossland High School on Thursday, June 10 between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m.



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## Service or Garden Side?



They keep missing their cues.

B. Glee

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



# City Legislation on Mail-in Voting Passed at May 24 Council Meeting

by Kathleen Gallagher

Last February, the Greenbelt Board of Elections met with the city council to discuss the possibility of replacing the city absentee voting process with a more broadly defined process for mail-in voting. It was understood that the mail-in program would continue to meet the needs of voters who were served by the absentee voting program. Just as is the case now with absentee voting, mail-in voting would allow voters to request a mail-in ballot with no need to provide a reason. The plan is to implement the revised program at the next city election, which will occur in November. In-person Early Voting and Election Day voting will continue as usual. The resolution

to revise the City Charter to enable the change was introduced for second reading and adoption at the May 24 council meeting and passed on a 5-2 vote.

## Crime Statistics

At the prior city council meeting, Mayor Colin Byrd introduced a resolution to require a monthly public hearing on the city's crime statistics to be held as part of the first regular council meeting of each month. Opinion on this idea was divided, although the motion eventually passed with some modifications. Those supporting the motion thought that especially in light of increased crime in the area, a public focus on the issues and trends would be worthwhile. Those voting against it had a variety of reservations, including the current shortness of staff, a need to focus information at locations other than council meetings, and a belief that legislation was not the best way to establish such staff activities. The motion passed 4-3, with agreement to hold hearings every other month rather than monthly.



## Cicada Mania Crowns Labor Day Photo Show

by Keith Zevallos

After 17 years, the 'Cicada Mania' category is returning to the 2021 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show.

While the nonprofit Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is currently trying to determine what activities will be a part of the Festival this year, the Photo Show will definitely be happening, even if it ends up being only online again.

So get out there and take some great pictures of cicadas and be looking for updates about the 2021 Festival with details on how to enter.

Zevallos organizes the annual photo show held during the Labor Day Festival.

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# Community Events

## At the Library

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On Monday, June 14, the Greenbelt Library and other branch libraries move to Phase 3 reopening, and will be open to the public for full browsing with computer use and curbside service by appointment. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms will remain closed. Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made at [pgcmls.info/reopening](mailto:pgcmls.info/reopening) or 240-455-5451. Reservations can be made up to seven days in advance.

Curbside service hours are Tuesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Items for curbside pickup should be retrieved from the table placed outside the lower-level entrance, which is marked with signs indicating the four separate pickup spots.

The Greenbelt Library now offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black and white pages are free. More information is available at [pgcmls.info/mobile-printing](mailto:pgcmls.info/mobile-printing).

### 3D Printing

The Library's 3D printing program is available for customer print jobs that are available for pickup through curbside service. For more information visit [pgcmls.info/3d-printing](mailto:pgcmls.info/3d-printing).

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

The external book drop is open for collecting customer returns. Items will be held in quarantine for two days and should then clear the customer's account.

### Kids Achieve Club

The Kids Achieve Club program provides academic support with homework assistance and reading practice in English for Speakers of Other Languages for students in grades 1 to 6. The program was created to support the unique needs of English learners to foster a love of reading and to provide academic support.

The Washington Nationals and Prince George's County Memorial Library System are proud to partner for a second year on "Summer @ Your Library," Prince George's County summer reading and library engagement program. The 2021 theme is *Tails and Tales* and it will be offered in English and Spanish for all ages. This year's program runs through August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.





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## Drum for Wellness: Play, Feel Good

On Saturday, June 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, all are welcome to reconnect with the community and support their health with an in-person drum circle led by Katy Gaughan, Drumming for Wellness and sponsored by Heavently Well.

Drumming regularly with a group of people boosts the immune system, reduces stress, increases endorphins and helps people bond with others. Best of all, it's fun! Family friendly, all ages welcome. No experience necessary. Each circle will include basic instruction, games, rhythms and jamming. Drummers are encouraged to bring their own drum but some drums will also be provided.

The drum circles will be held at an indoor-outdoor space in Greenbelt that has shelter and plenty of open air for safe air circulation. All circles will be socially distanced. Free parking and access to rest rooms. The address will be provided upon registration. A donation is requested but no one will be turned away.

To register and for more information, contact [katy@katygaughan.com](mailto:katy@katygaughan.com).



## Porch Greenbelt Food Collection is Growing

The April RUAK Porch Greenbelt food drive collected 592 pounds of nonperishable food as well as personal hygiene items from three collection areas. All were donated to the St. Hugh of Grenoble Food Pantry. The collection dates for front porch pickup next month between 2 and 5 p.m. will be Sunday, June 13 for Woodland Hills and Sunday, June 20 for Boxwood Village and Ridge Road from Lastner Lane to Research Road.

Thank you to all the Greenbelt residents who have made donations. You are making an important difference in our community! "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one!", Mother Teresa.

We welcome volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer with Porch Greenbelt, please contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

More Community Events  
are located throughout  
the paper.

## GAC Presents Green Hornet Radio Show, Live Online

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is running a monthly series of old-time radio shows from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. On Saturday, June 19, the show, *The Green Hornet – The Ghost Who Talked Too Much*, will be presented live on YouTube starting at 7 p.m.

The series is directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell and is presented in the Zoom format. In contrast to actual radio programs, the actors are visible in the video, and costumes and facial expressions add to the story. The sound effects are done in the traditional manner with a collection of shoes

and miniature doors.

The *Green Hornet*, played by Wes Dennis, is a masked, crime-fighting superhero who wears a green cloak.

The program will be available at [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org). It is free to watch the show, but donations are accepted. The monthly GAC radio shows are usually recorded, but this month it will be performed live online.

To participate in the July program, *The ABC Murders* by Agatha Christie, virtual auditions will be held on June 30. Watch [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org) for details and sign up by Monday, June 28.

## Join Connecting Across Greenbelt

Join Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) to connect with neighbors. The group meets monthly to build understanding of one another, to encourage inclusivity, cultivate relationships and to determine the necessary actions to ensure that the city's resources and services are equitably distributed. There are activities in all areas of Greenbelt to promote important conversations as a way to create a city welcoming to everyone.

In its next scheduled activity, CAG is joining with Unplugged for a day of outdoor fun with croquet and lawn games on Sunday, June 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Library.

CAG is a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. The group is building multiple resources. The first is research-tested coping strategies for self-care and stress management called the Caring and Connecting Toolkit ([bit.ly/CAGtoolkit](http://bit.ly/CAGtoolkit)).

To find out about the group's monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email [communityconnections@gb@gmail.com](mailto:communityconnections@gb@gmail.com).



## Three Sisters Gardens Seek Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities await at all three of the CHEARS Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens ([chears.org/](http://chears.org/)). The three gardens are located at Schrom Hills, Springhill Lake and the Community Center.

Volunteers are needed throughout the year to plant, water, weed and help maintain the gardens. Since 2010 all three gardens have been used to educate, foster creativity, build community and encourage organic caretaking of the land.

For more information about volunteering email the garden coordinators: Effie at Schrom Hills ([effielevner@aol.com](mailto:effielevner@aol.com)), Carolyn at Springhill Lake ([lambrightdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:lambrightdavis@yahoo.com)) and Joe at the Community Center ([robbins629@gmail.com](mailto:robbins629@gmail.com)).

## Mindfulness Meeting

On Sunday, June 13, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Greenbelt Unplugged Sunday's mindfulness meeting takes a local and international flavor as we welcome Ilona "Ili" Horschler and Bindu Krishnamurthy to share with us the "heartfulness" meditation. Heartfulness is a simple and subtle practice of meditation that connects each of us with the light and love in our hearts ([heartfulness.org/us/about-heartfulness/](http://heartfulness.org/us/about-heartfulness/)). Due to the magic of Zoom we will also be connecting halfway around the world as well, for while Ili is a teacher living in Greenbelt, Bindu will be joining us from India. For an invitation Zoom link for this free event, send an email to [events@greenbeltunplugged.org](mailto:events@greenbeltunplugged.org).



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## The Green Hornet

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## Community Church Group Reopens Services Outdoors

On Monday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ's Re-Opening/Re-Gathering group will have an outdoor service at the church. This will be a very brief service. It will be a time for giving thanks to God, sharing prayers with one another, a scripture reading, and music.

Come and join us! There will be plenty of time to meet and greet each other before and af-

ter the service. There will be a limited number of chairs, so we recommend you bring your own or a blanket to sit on the lawn. We will continue to mask and maintain social distancing.

This service will help GCC as we prepare for our first outdoor Sunday worship service on June 20 at 10:15 a.m.

In the event of rain, the services will be virtually broadcast on Zoom and Facebook.



A silvery checkerspot butterfly sits on a yellow coreopsis.

PHOTO BY LETTY WILSON BONNELL

## Our Neighbors

Our heartfelt condolences to Mayor Colin Byrd and his family on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Vinie Miller. Mrs. Miller died on June 1.

Our condolences to the family, friends and fellow firefighters of Frank Bequette, who recently died in Utah. He is part of the history of Greenbelt, having married into the Schrom family and been deeply involved with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. His wife's mother, Lois Schrom, worked on the News Review with Ellie Ritchie and then Mary Lou Williamson.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Larry White, who died on May 21 in Vero Beach, Fla. The funeral service will be held at St. Hugh (see box on this page for details).

Congratulations to Mac and Mary Wirick of Ridge Road, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Congratulations to Silas Fishburne, formerly of Pinecrest Court, who has transferred from the cadet program to a Senior Member in the Civil Air Patrol and has been promoted to First Lieutenant. Fishburne is also serving as a mentor to cadets.

Delegate Anne Healey announced the award of scholarship funds to students from District 22. Congratulations to the recipients from Greenbelt: Zion Albright, Lauratu Bah, Muhammad Bah, Christian Barrera, Vivian Castrillo, Nelson Chen, Jessica Orozco Contreras and Viola Costens.

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Dr. Lawrence White

Longtime Greenbelter Dr. Lawrence M. White died on May 21, 2021 in Vero Beach, Fla. The funeral service will be held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Wednesday, June 16 at 10 a.m.

**City Notes**

Greenbelt Day Weekend, which celebrated the city's 84th anniversary, featured a Moonlit Movie, outdoor painting, a decluttering workshop and a virtual open art studio tour. The Museum's virtual event, How the New Deal Transformed Greater Washington, attracted 235 pre-registrations. Rangers offered a Heritage Walking Tour of Buddy Attick Park.

Animal Control Activity impounded an injured bird and a sick kitten, plus 103 cats from one residence.

Horticulture/Parks installed new split rail fencing in Boxwood and groomed baseball fields. Refuse/Recycling collected 32.78 tons of refuse and 10.22 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental, along with park rangers, attended an electric vehicle charging station ribbon-cutting at Schrom Hills Park.

Recreation Staff and park rangers teamed up to create new outdoor education activities for camps and Springhill Lake Recreation Center youth programs. Summer will bring expanded hours at the pool.

Therapeutic Recreation Zoom-facilitated adult yoga classes and a Golden Age Club discussion of cicadas. Frozen meals were delivered to 32 home-bound seniors.

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## Obituaries

### Frank Ray Bequette



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#### Frank Ray Bequette


Frank Ray Bequette, 83, a former resident of Greenbelt, died on May 31, 2021, at his son's home in Herriman, Utah.

Frank was born in St. Louis, Mo. on February 25, 1938. Frank married into one of the oldest Greenbelt families. His father-in-law, Fritz Schrom, owned the Schrom Airport during the second World War. Later, Schrom Hills Park was dedicated in memory of the Schrom family who helped establish the City of Greenbelt.

Frank served his country as a crash firefighter in the U.S. Navy. He also was a very active member of the Greenbelt Volun-

teer Fire Department during the 1960s. He was involved in all aspects of the Fire Department, including participating in the Annual Firemen's Convention and parade held in Ocean City each year. Frank was also one of the first charter members to be hired by Prince George's County Fire Service. He retired in 1988.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lois J. Schrom II; two sons, Scott Bequette and Tony Bequette; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 11, at noon with a viewing beginning at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 12205 Gramlich Road SW, Cumberland, Md. Interment will be held at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery with military honors, 14205 Pleasant Valley Road, Flintstone, Md., immediately after the funeral.



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# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.



“Freedom’s Eve”, January 1, 1863. So many enslaved people waited anxiously for the Emancipation Proclamation to become a reality in Confederate States that the tension in houses of worship and on plantations was overwhelming. Its passage brought much relief and joy on many Southern plantations.

Enslaved people in Texas would not learn that they were free until June 19, 1865, when the union army arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform them of the Emancipation Proclamation.

It is for the Freedom to all enslaved people/workers that Juneteenth is celebrated each year on June 19th, to commemorate the initial ending of slavery in America, that was completed with the passage of the 13th Amendment.

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

for the

- GENERAL FUND
- BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
- CEMETERY FUND
- DEBT SERVICE FUND
- REPLACEMENT FUND
- SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND
- GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND
- CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND
- GREENBELT WEST INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

At its regular meeting of June 7, 2021, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City’s budget for Fiscal Year 2022, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$31,490,000
Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$759,400
Cemetery Fund	\$92,748
Debt Service Fund	\$1,052,400
Replacement Fund	\$448,800
Special Projects Fund	\$154,000
Green Ridge House	\$1,569,000
Capital Projects Fund	\$2,023,100
Community Development Block Grant Fund	\$194,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	\$2,056,500

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2021 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Website ([www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).

## JUNE IS PEACE MONTH

### POSTERS FOR PEACE MONTH

To celebrate Peace Month and to highlight the history and impact of peace artwork and posters, the Greenbelt Museum invites you to be a part of our peace poster event activity throughout June. From Picasso’s Guernica in 1937 to Vietnam-era homemade signs to posters we’ve seen in the past year, human expression has a huge impact on changing the world.

We respect the art form and ask: **What does peace look like?** Create a sign or poster in response! If you want to share the work with our community, please put the sign in your window for Peace Month in June. The Museum would love to see a photo of your poster in the window! If you’d like us to share your photo on our Facebook page or website please send a photo to [education@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:education@greenbeltmuseum.org). All ages are encouraged to participate!

### GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET

The Market vendors offer produce, pasture-raised meats, sustainable seafood, crepes, ice cream, crafts, plants, flowers, baked goods, ethnic food and more! Greenbelt Farmers Market is held weekly on Sundays, 10am-2pm, at the Roosevelt Center Parking Lot, Centerway.

### REEL AND MEAL - FEATURING THE THIRD HARMONY

June 21 at 7 p.m. via zoom.

The Third Harmony is a 2020 documentary by Michael Nagler, co-founder of the Peace and Conflict Studies Department at U.C. Berkeley. Drawing on interviews with veteran activists like Civil Rights leader Bernard Lafayette, scientists like behaviorist Frans de Waal and neuroscientist Marco Iacoboni, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, political scientist Erica Chenoweth, futurist Elisabet Sahtouris, and others, this 44-minute documentary will help the general public, often at a loss to understand the protests occurring in many cities, to better grasp just what nonviolence is and how it works.



### 2021 Summer Camp & Activities for All Ages

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Visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200

### FRIDAY, JUNE 11


#### 9pm, MOONLIT MOVIE- JAWS (PG13)

Braden Field, 99 Centerway

Sign up in advance for tickets sold through Old Greenbelt Theatre. Use the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3eJVOIJ>.

Attendance is capped at 100 people and each attendee must purchase their ticket (\$5) in advance. Please, no pets.

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Virtual Council meetings and the work session will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv). In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

### VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JUNE 14-JUNE 18

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

#### Monday, June 14

##### ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING, 7:30pm, Virtual

- Beltway Plaza Phase 1, Detailed Site Plan

##### COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, 8pm, Virtual

- Proclamations: Men’s Health, Pollinator Week, Juneteenth, & Small Cities
- School Boundary Changes
- WMATA Trail Review Fee and Update
- FY22 Open Space Annual Program
- Briefing on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relocation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to USDA BARC
- Amendments to Standing Rules
- In-Person Council Meetings
- Climate Emergency Resolution, 2nd Reading
- Security Deposit Alternatives
- Lottery for Vaccinations
- Pedestrian Safety Issues at Greenbelt Rd/Hanover Pkwy
- Letter to Postmaster on Mail Theft
- Letter to State Delegation on Unemployment Insurance
- Letter to Federal Delegation Against Maglev
- Reappointments to Boards

#### Wednesday, June 16

##### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, 7:30pm, Virtual

- Council Liaison Update
- Beltway Plaza Phase I Detailed Site Plan
- Synthetic Turf Field Report
- Youth Advisory Committee Liaison Update
- Recreation Department Update

##### COUNCIL WORK SESSION, Local Economy Recovery, 8:00pm, Virtual

- Discussion on pandemic trends and ideas to support businesses and community

#### Thursday, June 17

##### BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING, 6:00pm, Virtual

- Review of Candidate Packet & Election Newsletter, Recommendation to Council on Election Questionnaire



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Sundays, closed.

The 30-day public review period ends on July 6. Public comments are not specifically requested as they were on the DEIS, but questions on the proposed project may be sent to Harvey Johnson, USACE–Baltimore District, Programs and Project Management Division at BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil.

Proposed Project

Treasury proposes to construct and operate a new, up to 1 million square-foot Currency Production Facility (CPF) on BARC to replace its existing production facility in downtown Washington, D.C. That facility, one of two CPFs operated by Treasury (the other is located in Fort Worth, Texas), was built in 1914, and its condition and design preclude its modernization to produce technologically sophisticated U.S. paper currency.

Site preparation and construction are proposed to start in 2021 or 2022. Treasury would gradually transition personnel and operations to the new CPF during 2025 to 2029. When fully operational, approximately 1,600 employees would work at the CPF in a round-the-clock weekday schedule of operation. All access to the CPF, including during construction, would be from Powder Mill Road.

The Site

The site, a 104-acre parcel at the north end of Poultry Road, is located about two miles north of the Greenbelt/BARC boundary on Research Road. Currently on the site is a cluster of buildings that were used for poultry research from 1914 to 2012, and have not been used or maintained since then, as well as scattered trees, grassland and some cropland.

Treasury identified and considered a number of potential sites on federal land in the National Capital region, and concluded that this site, known as the 200 Area, was the only one that met the selection criteria of at least 100 acres of suitable land within 10 miles of a major interstate and reasonably near an international airport. The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 authorized the U.S. Department of Agriculture to transfer this site to Treasury for the CPF.

EIS Considerations

Unlike the DEIS for the proposed SCMaglev Project, which presents several alternatives for route and station locations as well as the No Build alternative, this EIS considers only a No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action (i.e., the Preferred Alternative, construction of the CPF on the BARC site).

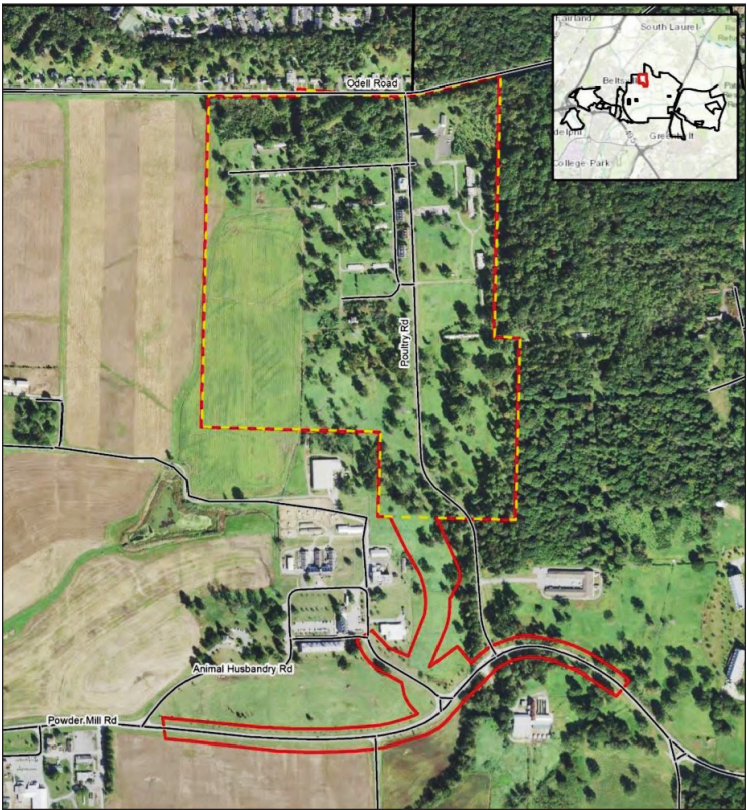
Many of the public comments on the DEIS criticized the site selection process, which only considered federal properties except seemingly those held by the Department of Defense. Some commenters believed that a suitable site could have been found on secure and already disturbed land on Fort Meade, while others chided Treasury for failing to consider former industrial or commercial land such as the site of the old Landover Mall.

The EIS acknowledges that implementation of the Proposed Action would result in potential significant adverse impacts to visual resources, water resources, environmental justice communities of concern, cultural resources, and traffic and transportation

but states that all significant adverse impacts could be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of recommended mitigation measures for each of these resource areas.

Record of Decision

Based on the analysis presented in the EIS, Treasury will prepare and execute its Record of Decision (ROD) – the final step in the NEPA process – announcing which Alternative is environmentally preferable, which Alternative it selects for implementation (be it the Preferred Alternative or the No Action Alternative) and which mitigation measures it will implement to reduce potential adverse impacts. The ROD is expected to be published before the end of this summer.



Proposed location for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility

PHOTO FROM PROJECT DIGITAL EIS

Recognition Groups Seek Funds and Space for 2022

by Matthew Arbach

The city’s cultural and community outreach recognition groups have persevered through the challenges of the pandemic, with some making the transition from virtual to in-person meetings or events. Several of these presented their latest city grant requests, as reviewed by the volunteer grant review panel, before council at a worksession on May 12.

The Greenbelt Concert Band, now 75 years old, is still waiting “for a safe environment to start,” according to Manager Eli Zimet. Zimet anticipated restarting in a couple months, and at the very least, after Labor Day. This year, no operational grants have been requested, just in-kind support, such as use of the Community Center for rehearsals and a locker for percussion and equipment. Thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3,600) have been requested to pay the salary of the music director. The group is financially stable in covering its operational costs. Zimet envisioned doing small group performances, first in public areas throughout the city.

At the meeting, Linda Ivy, president of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, was unsure if there will be a celebration this year due to Covid-19. If it happens, the celebration will likely be in a modified, smaller-scale form. The county permits, needed for things like the carnival (the usual carnival has already cancelled its services and others are now being sought) and the music stage, are not currently available with the offices shut down. Both require expensive insurance to operate as well. Things would need to change quickly, said Ivy, to allow time to do the lengthy preparations needed to make the Festival happen. Safety, according to Ivy, is paramount.

On a subsequent interview on

June 1, Ivy reported that the Parade, Craft Fair and Information Day are the only planned events at present, with other activities like the book sale pending further review. The state and county cap of 50 people at an outside gathering has been lifted. “We are winging it” this year, said Ivy, and “keeping our fingers crossed.”

The Greenbelt Arts Center has been offering a wide variety of online programs in lieu of the normal in-person performances. For the first time, a production was wholly directed, cast, produced, staffed and acted by youth, led by youth advisors from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), presenting a series of plays on timely social justice issues – something that Treasurer Winard Britt called “a smashing success.” Said Britt, the online programs have “been well attended,” providing “good, accessible content,” some of which Britt hopes to do even when Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. The goal has been to keep the audiences and community engaged and to continue to “get in front of people” in some form.

The Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) had “a head of steam” for its opening day, according to Treasurer Cathie Meetre, with “more of a relaxed feeling this year” and a good turnout. The opening was uncertain, due to a lack of necessary permitting, until about eight or nine days before, a change from last year when the county was more efficient with moving through the permitting process. Meetre said that the GFM is “strong financially,” through donations and vendor fees. Tables have been provided again for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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and Women, Infants and Children (WIC). “Vendors were pleased with the traffic” and sales, she said. Tables have remained 12 feet apart, per county restrictions, reducing the number of vendors. GFM has requested a six-foot buffer from the county but has not received a response. Mee-tre hopes to expand the market space, with the issue this year being more applications than space available.

The Center for Dynamic Governance (CDG) is focused this year on improving the integration of the visually impaired to the normal meeting structure of most organizations, which often use visual materials. The co-directors plan on offering four trainings in order to create a cadre of trainers. Said Co-director Aileen Kroll, they look to address the “concept of inclusivity” to raise consciousness on civil rights and justice issues. CDG is asking for \$5,000 from the city, with the group providing a matching amount, in order to pay for things like materials, an administrative assistant and a web consultant.

The panel desired more clarification on the group’s aims and activities, and expressed concern that the money requested would go to pay the group’s co-directors, who would be acting as training contractors. This is a unique circumstance among this year’s recognition groups, but not prohibited by city policy. Kroll had faith in the council’s final decision and was willing to aid in any further understanding of the group’s operations.

The Friends of the New Deal Café (FONDCA) are looking to have a Blues and Jazz Festival in the fall when, according to FONDCA President Meghan Haney, “things have settled down,” especially regarding the lifting of group number restrictions. The Café has undergone renovations to the flooring, ceiling and lighting “to make it more appealing.” They are still in search of a contractor for food service (see story, p. 1), aiming to reopen in the next two months, planning on food that “has something for everyone.” A new art director has been hired, but an art show will have to wait until reopening. Said Haney, “there are more programs we can do as we are getting back to normal.”

THE GEMZ, Inc., which has been running for 15 years, will continue to be virtual until the end of the year, doing bi-monthly workshops via Zoom to “continue dialogue with each other,” said Director Adeola Ariyo. According to their Fiscal Year 2021 project grant application, they are committed to serve as a mentoring and leadership program for young girls ages 11 to 17, in developing life and leadership skills needed to succeed. Their latest project is the Your Voice Matters campaign, to help participants to be more effective, confident speakers and overall communicators, with the goal of establishing careers by showing potential employers

“what you stand for.” The group has endeavored to bring alumni of the program back as mentors to current members and is tracking the success of past members through yearly surveys.

Connecting Across Greenbelt is a new group focused on activities that bring all parts of the city together and facilitating dialogue on current and important issues. A recent project was a chalk art activity at the Three Sisters Gardens. While mostly virtual now, they intend to do more in-person projects in the near future. The group has made connections with Greenbelt Unplugged and Random Acts of Kindness.

The meeting concluded with a certification review from another new group, the Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom. According to member Greg Varda, their aim “is to promote and influence reproductive freedom in Greenbelt and Prince George’s County.” There was debate among council and staff as to whether this group is a partisan political group, a situation that would preclude their use of a room in the Community Center (their only request), as per city policy. Varda stated that as long as they shy away from a specific political point of view, they should be allowed certification.



Some cicadas rest in a cold rain on Ridge Road.

PHOTO BY JOHANNA GODERRE

## Maryland History A Chronicle of Slavery

by Leigh Ryan

*(Part one of a two-part series)*

Whenever there’s an election, stories circulate underscoring the importance of every single vote. These stories offer example after example of races won and lost by mere handfuls of votes. That kind of close race surprisingly also occurred in 1864, when a referendum successfully made chattel slavery illegal in Maryland.

The first English settlers came to Maryland in 1634, followed eight years later by the first enslaved Africans in the state. Eighteen years after that, the General Assembly ruled that all enslaved people and the children of enslaved mothers would be held in slavery for life.

During the eighteenth century, the number of enslaved Africans imported into Maryland greatly increased. By 1755, about 40 percent of Maryland’s population was Black, concentrated in the Tidewater counties where tobacco was grown.

In 1753 the Maryland Assembly took more formal steps to institutionalize slavery, passing a law that prohibited any slaveholder from independently manumitting (freeing) slaves. A slaveholder seeking to do so had to get legislative approval for each act, and so very few bothered to free any slaves in this manner.

After the American Revolution, the number of enslaved people in Maryland continued to grow, reaching more than 111,000 men, women and children by 1810. That meant 30 percent of Maryland’s population was enslaved, and only Virginia and South Carolina held more people in bondage.

The formal importation of slaves ended in 1808, but that did not stop the slave trade and its terrible effects. Much attention has focused recently on the Georgetown College (now

Georgetown University) sale of more than 300 enslaved people to Louisiana in 1838, but that was one of thousands of such sales to the Deep South. More than a million enslaved people walked or were shipped south and west. Many, like Richard Saunders at Three Sisters Plantation in Lanham, were torn from their families, never to be heard from again. Richard left a wife, Nellie, with two young children, Emily and Benjamin.

As William G. Thomas III succinctly notes in *A Question of Freedom: The Families Who Challenged Slavery from the Nation’s Founding to the Civil War* (2020), “In fewer than 50 years the interstate slave trade in the United States assembled, sold and transported more than twice as many people as the Atlantic trade had done over 200 years from Africa to North America. In some Maryland counties, 20 percent of the enslaved were taken every decade between 1800 and 1840. In the 1830s alone, slave traders sold more than 285,000 in the interstate trade, most of them from Maryland and Virginia. Far from exceptional, the Georgetown sale in 1838 is disturbing because it was so horrifically common” (p. 271).

But the end of slavery became increasingly evident both nationally and within Maryland. As abolitionists became more vocal, petitions circulated to end slavery, and enslaved people sued for freedom, concerned slaveholders worked to make slavery a more permanent institution. In 1836, the Maryland State Legislature amended the state constitution to read that the slave and master relationship could only be abolished by a unanimous vote of the General Assembly and with compensation for slaveholders.

## Hey Greenbelters, this info is just for you.



### June 2021 Events in Greenbelt\*

Events are coming back, and you'll find them here! Many outdoor, including some live music in nearby towns. The list is being updated regularly, so check back! [Click here for June 2021 Events](#)



### The Truth about the Proposed Maglev Train

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# Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Celebrates Its 37th Birthday

by Jill Stevenson and Joe Timer

In 1984 the Co-op grocery store, which had been the heart of Old Greenbelt since the community’s beginnings, was going to close. In fact, it did close. Due to the hard work of Jim Cassels and hundreds of neighbors and friends, the store re-opened and carried on as an independent cooperative owned by Greenbelt residents without missing a beat. Thanks to vision, hard work and dedication, the people of Greenbelt banded together in true cooperative fashion to preserve the Co-op grocery store which is celebrating its 37th birthday this week.

The Co-op’s first day of operations was June 4, 1984, a day of celebration with the birth of a new cooperative rising like a phoenix from the previous store. That day was the culmination of work that started in January 1984, when a citizens’ committee, formed by the dedicated cooperator Cassels with Charles Sarahan, Richard Bates, Joseph Timer, Margaret Hogensen, Wayne Williams and Michael Burchick, began working to preserve a cooperative grocery store in Roosevelt Center.

The process during the first half of 1984 involved (1) securing an agreement with the seller, Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc. (GCI) to continue to manage the store; (2) obtaining the necessary licenses and permits to begin operations; (3) securing a \$425,000 loan from the National Cooperative Bank; and (4) demonstrating that the new Co-op had community support namely, having a minimum “family enrollment” of 1,000. The community responded and the newly formed Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy met all these requirements.

It’s hard to imagine what Roosevelt Center would be like today without its anchor grocery store. “Throughout its history, Co-op management have remained committed to provide the goods and services that its members and customers have needed,” said General Manager Dan Gillotte. “In order for any small, local store to survive, it’s necessary to grow with the community and its ever-changing dynamics.”

The Greenbelt Co-op is an asset to its members, the Roosevelt Center and to the community.

When the Co-op needed a new roof, the success of the Rays on the Roof fundraising project enabled the laying of a new roof strong enough to have a solar power array laid atop it.

In the early days of the pandemic, to address patrons’ safety concerns, the Co-op launched an online ordering and curbside pick-up program giving customers an alternative to shopping in the store. This summer, Co-op is planning on launching a new venture in Roosevelt Center by partnering with the New Deal Café cooperative to run the kitchen, providing breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Café, with a soft opening in July.

The Co-op will always strive to meet the needs of its members, Greenbelt and nearby communities. “Local independent grocers are rare these days. It’s somewhat



The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy

PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

miraculous that we have this special grocery store in our city,” says Gillotte. “Our founders, some of whom are still in the community, your friends, families and neighbors along with the hard work of management, the board of directors and staff over the years ensured that we have a local grocery store today.”

To celebrate the Co-op’s 37th anniversary, Greenbelters can stop by the store on Saturday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to pick up a slice of birthday cake that staff will provide on the Co-op ramp.

## Barry Heads Up ZIPS

The board of directors of ZIPS dry cleaners, a Greenbelt-based company, named Bob Barry as their new President/CEO as of June 7, the company announced. Barry, who served as president and CEO of The Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille for over a decade through mid-2019, has been a member of the company’s board for the past eight years and will retain that position as well.

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wine. The new New Deal Café will be a groovy coffee shop/restaurant/bar with all the wonderful music and arts programming patrons have come to love – now 100 percent cooperatively run!

“We’re excited to help feed, refresh and caffeinate our friends and neighbors in an exciting, expanded way that celebrates cooperation,” said Dan Gillotte,

general manager of the Greenbelt Co-op. Gillotte told the News Review he is looking forward to a soft opening in July.

“I am very excited about Dan’s vision for the Café,” said Café board member Dorian Winterfeld.

“It’s a most wonderful thing for our co-ops, Roosevelt Center and the whole community,” added Bill Jones, Co-op board president.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

New Deal Café will reopen soon, after an extensive facelift, with food and drinks provided by the Co-op Supermarket.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 17, 2021

A. GHI Special Open Session – begins at 7:00pm (open to members and visitors)

- Approve Motion to Hold Executive Session Meeting on June 17, 2021

B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on May 20, 2021
- 2021-23 Contract for Consulting Arborist Services - 2nd reading
- Member Financial Matters
- A Member Complaint Matter

C. GHI Open Session begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to members and visitors)

- Announcement of the Executive Session Meeting held on June 17, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on May 20, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on May 20, 2021
- Next Steps to be Taken after the June 7th Work Session with the Transition Committee
- Permit Request for Interior Renovations to a GHI Unit to Facilitate Its Resale
- Review the 2021 1st Quarter Financial Statements
- Obtain a Legal Opinion re: Legitimacy of Hiring an Investment Company to Invest GHI Funds
- Workplace Protocols Due to the Lifting of Covid-19 Restrictions in P.G. County
- Request the Finance Committee to Recommend a Cost Amount for Services GHI Provides to GDC
- Staff's Recommendation for Changes to the Manager's Memorandum for GHI Open Session Meetings
- Establish a Date for the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Robbery**  
June 1, 4:57 p.m., 5921 Cherrywood Terrace. Some people agreed to sell merchandise to a person and agreed to meet at the above location to complete the transaction. A vehicle described as a gold, older model Chevrolet Silverado, four-door truck pulled up and a man with a handgun exited. He demanded the cell phone of one of the sellers and forced him into the truck, at which time the buyer took the merchandise and pushed the seller out. The driver and the purported buyer then fled in the truck.

**Assault**  
May 31, 11:28 a.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A person was assaulted by a man during a verbal altercation at TGI Friday and was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries.  
May 31, 2:56 p.m., 6925 Hanover Parkway. A man was punched several times by a woman at a playground during a verbal altercation. She then fled the area in a vehicle. The man was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries.  
June 1, 6:20 p.m., 55 Crescent Road. A 25-year-old nonresident

was arrested and charged with second-degree assault after he punched an officer who was attempting to assist him with recovering property. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.  
**Theft**  
May 29, 3 p.m., 9338 Edmonston Road. An unknown person(s) removed a package from the front stoop of a residence on May 28.  
May 29, 3:02 p.m., 6233 Springhill Drive. An unknown person removed a parcel package from the front stoop of a residence on May 23.  
May 30, 10:31 a.m., 8020 Greenbelt Station Parkway. A residence was entered and jewelry was taken.

quantity of ice cream was taken.  
**Vandalism**  
May 26, 4:47 p.m., 6220 Breezewood Drive. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.  
May 28, 4:06 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A metal rod was thrown through the glass living room window of a residence.  
May 28, 1:45 p.m., 6000 Breezewood Drive. The balcony window of a residence was broken out.  
June 2, 8:21 p.m., 9121 Springhill Lane. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

and Flagwalk Terrace in Laurel. A 2010 Toyota Corolla reported stolen to Montgomery County Police was recovered at 6040 Greenbelt Road.  
Four thefts from vehicles were reported. A rear license plate year decal was removed in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Personal identification and a key were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A wallet was removed from 6112 Breezewood Drive after a window was broken to gain access. Also, after a window was broken at 7901 Mandan Road, jewelry and money were taken.  
Three acts of vandalism were reported. Windows were broken at 7901 Mandan Road and 6235 Springhill Court. An unknown substance was poured into a gas tank at 6200 Springhill Drive.

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bicycle installation.”  
There may be up to 15 bikes at a station with a total of approximately 75 bikes available for rent in Greenbelt. Porter told the News Review, “I think there is great excitement for the installation of these stations. The increased transportation options provided by the bikeshare program are a great benefit [to the community].”  
Bikeshares allow users to make short trips using publicly available bikes for a fee. The

sturdy and durable bikes are locked into a network of docking stations throughout a service area. The bikes can be unlocked from a station upon payment and returned to the same or any other station within the system.  
Porter added, “These bikes are ideal for short trips, including errands, but can also be used to commute to the Metro Station. These bikes may also be used to access recreational opportunities within the city.”

This space in front of the Community Center (near the Municipal Building) has already been paved over in preparation for accommodating the bikes.



Another proposed location for the Prince George's County Capital Bike Share is this space next to Eleanor Roosevelt High School.




- Photos courtesy Prince George's County Capital Bike Share

**Fraud**  
May 29, 11:27 a.m., 100 block Hedgewood Drive. A woman placed a letter containing a check in the mail box located at Lastner Lane and Julian Court. Unknown person(s) gained possession of the check, changed the amount and name of payee and attempted to deposit it.  
June 2, 5:05 p.m., 135 Westway. A woman placed a letter containing a check in the mail on May 28. Unknown person(s) gained possession of the check, changed the amount and name of payee and attempted to deposit it.  
**Burglary**  
May 30, 10:31 a.m., 8020 Greenbelt Station Parkway. A residence was entered and jewelry was taken.  
June 6, 11:29 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Gourmet Popcorn was broken into and a large

**Vehicle Crime**  
One vehicle was stolen, a green 1996 Honda Accord with Maryland tags 8389Z3, taken on May 30 from 223 Lakeside Drive.  
One vehicle was stolen and recovered the same day. A 2017 Aura Legend taken from 9220 Springhill Lane was recovered the same day, June 2, by Metropolitan Police in the 2500 block Southern Avenue, S.E. in Washington, D.C. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Maryland 4EG1448, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.  
Three vehicles were recovered. A 2013 Toyota Camry, reported stolen May 3 from 9342 Edmonston Road was recovered May 27 by Metropolitan Police in the 1300 block Ives Street N.E., in Washington, D.C. A 2007 International box truck, reported stolen May 25 from 170 Westway was recovered May 27 by Howard County Police Department in the area of Savage-Guilford Road


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serviceberries before; I am not sure I had heard of serviceberries before, and I was therefore delighted to learn they exist and that I can eat them. (Note to readers: don't take my word for it. I will definitely get you killed in the forest within forty-two seconds of entry. But if you go with someone who knows what's up, you can find things upon which to survive, and if you're like me, a huge part of your identity is wrapped up in your belief that you can survive avalanches, plane crashes and being out in the Forest Preserve all by yourself for more than one hour, if only given the opportunity.)

I was a little suspicious when all three Greenbelt Biota members arrived on the scene wearing long-sleeved shirts, hiking shoes and long trousers with their socks pulled up over the cuffs. I looked down at what I was wearing: running shoes, white short socks that don't even make it to the top of my shoes, a purple T-shirt made for someone 60 pounds lighter than me, and a pair of leggings that end far above my ankles. One of these kids didn't look like the other kids, and I figured I would probably end up covered with ticks and laid low with Lyme disease but I comforted myself in knowing that I was doing it for you, fair readers of the News Review. (Spoiler: I didn't pick up any ticks. But you should probably dress appropriately anyway.)

I actually walk in the Forest Preserve fairly frequently, but it was an entirely different experience going with people who know about plants, who are bright and curious and who are such lovely, warm companions. They showed us a wide variety of ferns: Christmas, lady, cinnamon, hay-scented and New York; taught us how the leaves of hay-scented ferns have three little cuts while New York fern leaves are flatter. They showed us sassafras, and how the leaves on a single plant can show such variety – one leaf can have no indentation, another can have one indent, the next two or even three. As we walked and talked, they would name plants – common names, scientific names – would discuss the history of them, what we can learn about the forest based on the plants there are in it.

When Plaisant pointed out the number of mountain laurels (*Kalmia latifolia*) in bloom at the end of Laurel Hill Road I felt the lightbulb over my head dimly begin to flicker on. It hadn't occurred to me to be curious about why Laurel Hill was so named, but out with Greenbelt Biota answers I didn't know I was missing began to arrive. They showed us arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*) and explained it is so named because indigenous folks would use its strong shoots to build arrows. They showed us devil's walking stick (*Aralia spinosa*), full of spines, and, having taken my measure early on, also told me it would not make a good walking stick. They showed us a strawberry bush (*Eubonymus americanus*) – “in the fall they make beautiful red and pink flowers,” Plaisant said. “Deer eat all the leaves but the stem is green so it photosynthesizes anyway.” Later they showed us ghost pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*) which doesn't photosynthesize and instead pulls its nutrients



Ghost pipe grows on fungus in the GHI woods.

from fungi, the fungi in turn getting its nutrients from trees.

They showed me lady's slipper orchids – the tell-tale two leaves from where a flowering stem will emerge, and once we found the remnants of a bloom. I am familiar with orchids from the not small number of murder mysteries I have read that feature passionate (and occasionally murderous) orchid collectors. I understand orchids are a thing that people can feel quite strongly about, and it was amazing to think that but a few feet from my front door such flowers grow. Even if they aren't the kind of orchids people sail oceans for, there are orchids nonetheless right here, right in the woods, right in Greenbelt. “Lady's slippers always grown in pines,” Plaisant explained, pointing out the large pitch pine near us, “but there aren't that many left here because the pines are disappearing. In the life of a forest, pines come early and then they are replaced by other things.”

They showed us the different forest communities on our walk – the pine heath community at the top of the hill and, below it, the oak heath understory. They explained mountain laurel, wild

blueberries – of which we saw many and sampled a few – and azaleas are all part of the heath family. I tried to nod sagely as they talked, as though I knew what they were talking about, as though I could identify plants in more meaningful terms than green and orange but it was clear this charade was not necessary. They were warm and inviting and interested and curious and were happy to talk plants and animals with me, no competition, no need to know what I did not yet know. I cannot think of a time in my life when I have been around a more inviting group of people. I came home and immediately ordered a field guide to plants in Maryland, because my newly-opened eyes and mind want now to learn and to understand more.

Greenbelt Biota was started in 2005 by Jason Martin and its first group outing was in February of that year with a walk in the Forest Preserve. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. to plan upcoming walks. They have an active Facebook Group with nearly 500 members and anyone interested in joining them are invited to connect with the Facebook Group or come to the next meeting.

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have begun with games to begin in two weeks. The group is financially stable mostly through the increase in registration fees which normally cover yearly costs, with fundraising done to pay for things like new equipment. Gleason encourages his players to help in the fundraising process as it raises the “community aspect” and “service piece.”

The grant review panel recommended a \$2,100 grant, from the \$3,500 requested by the group as per the 50 percent cap policy.

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (GBGC) submitted an application but not in time for a grant review. It will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which will share their findings with coun-

cil. GBGC had no program last year due to Covid-19 and requested no city funding. Football will probably be the first program to commence along with small basketball clinics.



A tree is besieged by cicadas near Henry's Hollow.

Phil Stratton Measures Drops In the Many Rain Gauges

by Amy Hansen



Phil Stratton stands with two of his rain gauges that he used to compare collection accuracy.

A rain gauge seems like a fairly easy piece of technology. A graduated cylinder catches the rain, a user writes down the results. That should be the end of it.

But it is more complicated, explained Greenbelter Phillip Stratton, who is the assistant state climatologist and a graduate student at University of Maryland. Stratton monitors projects for the Community Cooperative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), whose apt slogan on their webpage is “because every drop counts.”

The network uses citizen scientist reports to build a database of precipitation, which is then used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The volunteers all start with the same gauge, said Stratton. “They're just not setting it up the same.”

Stratton investigated after he found several images of volunteers' gauges and wondered if all the different ways they were set up could work. He created a rain gauge garden outside his house on Plateau Place and experimented.

One gauge had the top of the post next to the top of the

cylinder. Another had the post top several inches lower than the cylinder. Other setups that he considered had an L-shaped holder. Sometimes the post tops were slanted, other times they were flat.

Stratton discussed the findings with several NOAA offices, and plans to share the work with the CoCoRaHS team. The different setups gave the gauges as much as a third of an inch difference in the rain collected. Since precipitation is measured down to the hundredth of an inch, a third (or .33) is a significant difference.

The most accurate measurement, Stratton discovered, is when the gauge stands alone, that is, the post is away from the cylinder. When the post is too close, rain splashes off of it and ends up in the collection.

The effort to get accurate data is important for any citizen science experiment, but perhaps especially important when local information is used by NOAA to model future climate change.

Stratton said that four people from Greenbelt are signed up to report rain data. He would be happy to have more. For more information, visit [cocorahs.org/](http://cocorahs.org/).



Ryan and Lily prepare to make mulberry pie.